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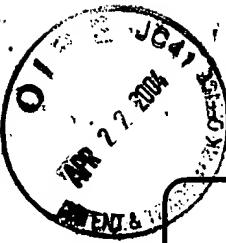
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004, please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.



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FEET TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	53	68*	=	0	X	18.00	=	\$0.00	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	3	4*	=	0	X	86.00	=	\$0.00		

Multiple Dependent

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification		
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination		
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month		
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month		
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month		
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month		
1255	1,210	2255	605	Extension for reply within fifth month		
1404	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal		
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing		
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional		
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee		
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee		
1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner		
1807	50	1807	50	Prosessing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)		
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt		
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)		
1809	770	1809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))		
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))		
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application		

Other fee (specify) **Status Inquiry Request**

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